been taken up, on the completion of which, land acquisition will begin. The work will be taken up once the land becomes available.

Installation of Effluent Treatment Plant

374. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed Delhi Pollution Control Committee to identify the major industries in Delhi operating with or without Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP); and

(b) whether Government have been able to identify such industries; if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court vide its Order dated 11.11.1994 directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, to file an affidavit giving a list of all the major industries which are operating in Delhi, specifically indicating, which of these industries have already set up Effluent Treatment Plants and which have not.

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order, Pollution Control Committee has submitted to the Court, a list containing the names of 77 industries operating in conforming/non-conforming areas. The matter is sub-judice.

Census on Population

375. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) comparative figures of population of the country as per the census held in the country in the year 1981 and 1991;

(b) percentage of increase in population as revealed in both the censuses;

(c) State-wise and religion-wise break up of the population as per the census of 1981 and 1991; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a disproportionate increase in the population of some religions, if so, the reaction of Government to this increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Details are given below:—

	Census year	Total population	% increase during 1981-91
NDIA	1981@	683,329,097	+23.85
ncluding Assam & J&K)	1991**	846,302,688	
NDIA	1981	665,287,849	+23.84
xcluding Assam)	1991**	823,888,366	
NDIA	1981	659,300,460	+23.79
xcluding Assam & J&K)	1991	816,169,666	

The 1981 Census could not be held in Assam. The population figures for 1981 for Assam have been worked out by interpolation.

The 1991 Census was not held in Jammu & Kashmir. The population figures include the population for Jammu & Kashmir as projected by the Standing Committee of Experts on Population Projections, (October, 1989).

(c) Statement showing state-wise distribution of population by religion, as per the 1981 and 1991 censuses and percentage increase during 1981—91 is placed below. [see Appendix 174, Annexure No. 14]

(d) Different Growth rates have been recorded for different religions during the census of 1981 & 1991 as per details given below:—

S. No.	Name of Religion	Percentage increase during 1981—91*
1.	Hindus	22.78
2.	Muslims	32.76
3.	Christians	16.89
4.	Sikhs	25.48
5.	Buddhists	35.98
6.	Jains	4.42
7.	Other religions & persuasions	13.19

*Excludes Assam and Jammu & Kashmir.

As regards reaction of the Government to increase in population of some religion, it may be mentioned that the fertility depends upon several factors like level of Female literacy/education, economic status of the family, residence urban/rural, status of women in the section of society, infant mortality rate etc. The decadal increase in population by religion reflected in the 1991 census is a macro level picture and in-depth analysis, isolating other factors contributing the fertility, would be required before drawing a co-relation between fertility/increase in population with religion.

The National Family Welfare Programme provides information and service irrespective of religion, as also irrespective of other personal factors like caste, creed, socio economic status etc.

Speedy Delivery of Posts

376. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the policies made by the Department of Post for speedy delivery of posts to rural and urban areas of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that letters envelops reach in villages after weeks and stamps which are affixed by the despatching/receiving post offices are not put clearly and no one can read date of putting stamps; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Department has laid down broad norms for mail services both in rural and urban areas of the country. These are:

(i) Pin-Coded letters posted in Metro cities namely, Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore and bound for another Metro city are to be delivered within 48 hours.

(ii) Pin-Coded letters between Delhi and State Capitals other than the Metro cities mentioned at (i) above are to be delivered within 48 hours.

(iii) Letters between cities connected by air flights, other than those mentioned at (i) and (ii) above are to be delivered within 72 hours.

(iv) Letters within a state are to be delivered within 48—72 hours.

(v) Letters within the district are to be delivered within 48 hours.

These broad norms are subject to satisfaction of specified conditions and do not cover remote and difficult areas.

(b) Department makes every effort to deliver letters according to the norms. However, some delays due to reasons beyond the control of the Department cannot be ruled out.